

## Request

As of or nearest to April 1st, 2025, please inform us:

- 1. How many children in care you have?
  - a. How many of these children are placed outside of your local authority boundary?
  - b. How many of these children are placed outside of your Integrated Care Board (ICB) area?
- 2. In which other 10 local authority areas do you place the most children, ranked 1 to 10 with 1 being the one with the largest number?

## Response

As at 31/03/2025:

- 1. 651 children in care.
  - a. 185 placed outside the LA Boundary.
  - b. 134 outside of ICB
- 2. Other LA's (excluding Wigan) with most children (Top 10):
  - 1. Lancashire
  - 2. Bolton
  - 3. St. Helens
  - 4. Warrington
  - 5. Trafford
  - 6. Salford
  - 7. Liverpool
  - 8. Bury
  - 9. Sefton
  - 10. Manchester

Note: Trafford and Salford joint 5<sup>th</sup>, Bury, Sefton and Manchester joint 8<sup>th</sup>.